

**U.S. CUBA DEMOCRACY PAC  
(POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE)**

1200 West 49<sup>th</sup> Street  
Hialeah, Florida 33012

September 2, 2005

Mr. Jeff S. Jordan  
Office of the General Counsel  
Federal Election Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 5676

Dear Mr. Jordan:

This letter is in response to a complaint received by the Federal Election Commission (MUR 5676) alleging a violation by the U.S.-Cuba Democracy PAC (C00387720) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 ("FECA").

On its 2003 Mid-Year Report -- the U.S.-Cuba Democracy PAC's ("the PAC") first post-formation report -- the PAC promptly and accurately reported an initial debt of \$18,262.50 to the Washington, D.C. law firm of Steptoe and Johnson for legal services related to the formation of the PAC. On its 2005 Year-End Report, the PAC reported an outstanding debt of \$15,262.50 for these legal services to Steptoe and Johnson.

This unpaid bill for legal services was correctly described as a debt (under the definition in 11 C.F.R. 100.8(a)(2)), and has always been consistently reported as such (pursuant to the requirements in 11 C.F.R. 104.3(d); 104.11). The PAC has never considered or treated this unpaid bill as anything other than a debt.

The outstanding debt of \$15,262.50 to Steptoe and Johnson was completely settled on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005, and will be promptly and accurately reported as settled on the PAC's 2005 Year-End Report. See Attachment A (PAC's Payment to Steptoe and Johnson).

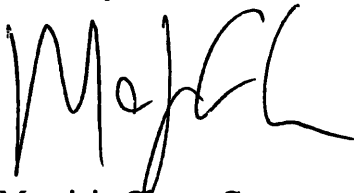
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Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

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Mauricio Claver-Carone  
Executive Director

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## **ATTACHMENT A**

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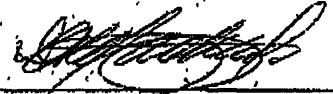
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